

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 303.18 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">10/581288</div>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/013537	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 29 Nov. 2004 (29/11/2004)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 02 Dec. 2003 (02/12/2003)
TITLE OF INVENTION CLAMPING GADGET FOR SHOELACES OR THE LIKE LACING DEVICES		
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

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2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: Publication of Int'l Appln. WO 2005/053452; Notification concerning Submission of priority document dated 01/17/2005; Notification of receipt of record copy dated 01/17/2005; Int'l Search Report dated 03/01/2005; First Notice informing applicant of the communication of the international application dated 07/07/2005; second and supplementary notice informing the applicant of the communication of the international application dated 04/06/2006.

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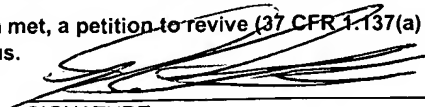
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Total claims	16 - 20 =	0	X \$50.00	\$ 0.00	
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+	\$360.00	\$ 0.00
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ 450.00	
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 450.00	
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Re: Utility Patent Application Transmittal
National Phase of PCT/EP2004/013537
International Filing Date: 29 Nov 2004
Inventor: Oliver Breuer
Title: Clamping Gadget For Shoelaces Or The Like Lacing Devices
Priority: German Utility Patent Application No. 203 18 638.9
Priority Date: 02 Dec. 2003
Our Ref.: 303.018

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find our check in the amount of \$450.00 in payment of the government filing fee for the enclosed United States patent application, which application includes 13 pages of specification, 16 claims, 7 Drawing figures on 3 sheets, and an Abstract.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted at a later date.

A Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed eliminating the multiple dependent claims.

In addition, enclosed please find the following:

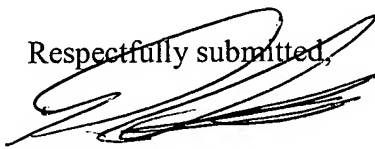
1. Publication of the international application WO 2005/053452;
2. Notification concerning submission of priority document dated January 17, 2005;
3. Notification of receipt of record copy dated January 17, 2005;

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4. International Search Report dated March 1, 2005
5. First notice informing the applicant of the communication of the international application dated July 7, 2005; and
6. Second and supplementary notice informing the applicant of the international application dated April 6, 2006.

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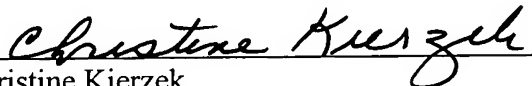
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